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**PATENT**

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Applicants: S. R. Nelson, et al

Serial No.: 10/624,578

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SINGLE FORCE SENSOR TO  
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INFORMATION FOR  
DETERMINATION OF STATUS OF  
MEDICAL PUMP

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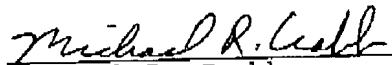
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account any additional fees (or credit any over payments) that may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 in association with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered.

Respectfully submitted,  
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